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GAYSPEAK

The Pikes Peak
Gay/Lesbian Community Center

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From the President:

Pride Parade, a Confirmation Of Our Pride, Our Heritage

This month, just a short lesson on our pride and our heritage.

"New York City Police raided the Stonewall Inn, an after-hours gay bar on Christopher Street, on June 27, 1969. The patrons, normally frightened and docile during such raids, reacted in anger. Until reinforcements arrived, the police actually barricaded themselves inside the bar, where they were pelted with bottles and stones. With the arrival of other officers, a few arrests were made and the crowd dispersed.

"The next night, a Saturday, crowds of homosexuals and sympathizers gathered in the vicinity of Sheridan Square to protest the vice squad action. Gay people became street people, confronting the police. Some were clubbed, and others engaged in the minor sort of property destruction known as "trashing," shouting "Gay Power!" as their slogan. Confrontations with the police continued in the neighborhood for four more nights." (Humphreys, *Out of the Closets: The Sociology of Homosexual Liberation*, 1972, p. 5-6.)

(see **Pride Parade**, page 2)

Dozens March in Protest At GT Building

On Friday, April 24, members of the lesbian and gay community and our friends held a spirited demonstration outside the Gazette Telegraph's building to protest a particularly vulgar editorial "cartoon" the paper ran the previous day. This was the second "demo" during our current wave of community activism. Last spring community members demonstrated outside the GT to denounce a similarly mean-spirited editorial and cartoon. The GT's reasonably accurate report on our recent protest follows:

Gazette Telegraph—Nearly 50 people marched in front of the *Gazette Telegraph* on Friday afternoon to protest an editorial cartoon published Thursday.

(see **GT Demonstration** page 2)

Our Day of Pride

Sunday, June 21, is a momentous day for our community. On that date we will hold our Second Annual Pride Parade, and commence our First Annual Pride Week.

Everyone is invited to join in the Family Pride Picnic at Palmer Park, at the corner of Academy and Maizeland. Our reserved space is the Meadowland area, close to the volleyball courts. Lesbians Choosing Children will provide hot dogs; you bring a potluck dish. The picnic is set up as a potluck so that everyone will mingle, rather than separating into several "mini-picnics." The picnic is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The 1 p.m. close allows everyone plenty of time to scamper on over to the Pride Parade staging area on Cache la Poudre between Cascade and Tejon, and on into Colorado College. We imagine that floats will set up on Cache la Poudre, and that the marching contingents will line up into the college. We also hope to secure use of the two parking lots in that area for parade participants. These details aren't confirmed yet, but parade marshals will instruct you at the staging site.

The one-block staging area on Cache la Poudre, as well as the parade route itself, will be closed off to traffic by the police.

The national theme for this year's parade is "Unity Equals Pride." Our parade will stress festivity and creativeness in articulating this theme. The center encourages people to form groups, where possible, and march as a contingent with a banner (with holes for the wind!). Giant puppets constructed at the parade workshops noted elsewhere in this issue will be a centerpiece of the parade.

Pre-registration for the parade is not required, but it will help us plan, at least for floats and for marching contingents. Please call the Helpline (471-4429). People who want to march in the parade but are not part of any particular contingent can march in a "community" contingent.

Participation in the parade is free. The center does request a donation of one dollar per person, and ten dollars per float, at the time of the parade to help cover costs. Everyone who makes a donation will receive a parade registration ticket entitling you to a free drink at the Hide 'N Seek, the Penthouse, or True Colors.

Wonderful buttons and fabulous T-shirts and tank tops will be available the first week of June. They will be on sale at Upstart Playhouse during parade workshop hours and at other locations.

The Pride Rally at Acacia Park, which the Community Center has reserved, follows the parade. And after that, there is a smorgasbord of activities, including an open house at Upstart Playhouse, a community worship service at Metropolitan Community Church, and special events at local clubs.

The parade and rally are being extensively publicized in Denver and Pueblo in the hope of making them quite large affairs. The other Pride Week events, including the picnic, are being promoted only in Pueblo. The center hopes that this will keep these events "comfy" and based largely in our own community while also building bridges to the Pueblo community.▼

Pride Parade...from page 1

In the fall of 1969, a resolution urging an annual commemoration of Stonewall was passed at the Eastern Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations. The resolution stated, "We propose that a demonstration be held annually on the last Saturday in June in New York City to commemorate the 1969 spontaneous demonstrations on Christopher Street and that this demonstration be called CHRISTOPHER STREET LIBERATION DAY." Thus, on June 28, 1970, the first Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade was held in New York City. (A poem memorializing this parade appears on page 3 in this issue.) Our tradition has since spread around the world. And, lest we forget, Stonewall Inn was very much a drag bar. It was the drag queens, heels and all, who fought back, and who launched this chapter of lesbian and gay liberation.▼

GT Demonstration...from page 1

The cartoon took a stand against homosexuality. The demonstrators called it a "naked display of bigotry."

Robin Miller, speaking for the group, said the cartoon sent a "vile" message that homosexuality abused the laws of nature and that AIDS was the inevitable consequence.

"It's hard to imagine two more contemptible statements," she said. "We're tired of being assaulted."

Newspaper officials declined to comment.▼

SHOW YOUR

PRIDE

MARCH WITH US ON JUNE 21!

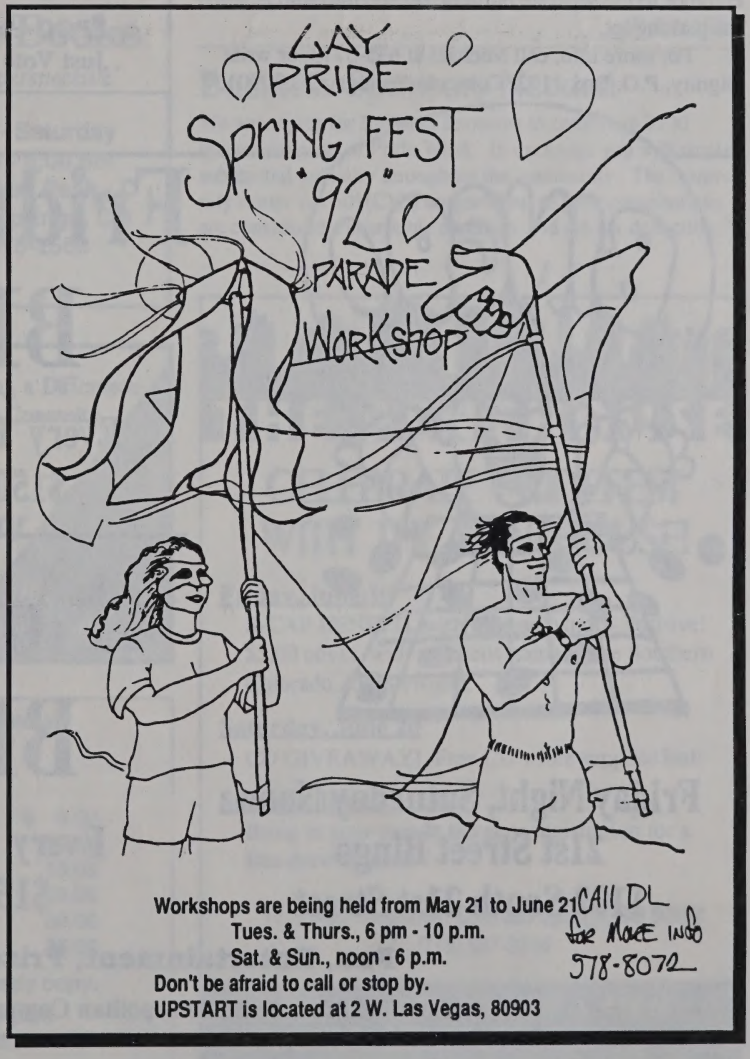
471-4GAY

HELPLINE

Christopher Street Liberation Day, June 28, 1970

by Fran Winant

with banners and our smiles
we're being photographed
by tourists police and leering men
we fill their cameras
with 10,000 faces
bearing witness
to our own existence
in sunlight
from Washington Maryland
Massachusetts Pennsylvania
Connecticut Ohio
Iowa Minnesota
from Harlem and the suburbs
the universitiesand the world
we are women who love women
we are men who love men
we are lesbians and homosexuals
we cannot apologizefor knowing
what others refuse to know
for affirmingwhat they deny
we might have been
the women and men
who watched us and waved
and made fists
and gave us victory signs
and stood there after we had passed
thinking of all they had to lose
and of how society punishes
its victims
who are all of us
in the end
but we are sisters and sisters
brothers and brothers
workers and lovers
we are together
we are marching
past the crumbling old world
that leans toward us
in anguish from the pavement
our banners are sails
pulling us through the streets
where we have always been
as ghosts
now we are shouting our own words
we are a community
we are a society
we are everyone
we are inside you
remember
all you were taught to forget
we are part of the new world
photographers
grim behind precise machines
wait to record
our blood and sorrow
and revolutionaries beside them
remark love is not political
when we stand against our pain
they say
we are not standing against anything
when we demand our total lives
they wonder
what we are demanding
cant you lie
cant you lie
they whisper they hiss
like fire in grass
cant you lie
and get on with the real work▼



Dignity Chapter of Gay Catholics Now Organizing

An informal, introductory meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, to begin a local chapter of Dignity.

Dignity is an organizations for gay and lesbian Catholics, but it's also for their friends. This new chapter is being formed to help people in both Colorado Springs and Pueblo. Anyone interested, no matter what their religious affiliation, is invited to attend and help in getting this new Dignity chapter off to a great start.

The meeting will be held at Sacred Heart Church, West Colorado at 21st Street, at 7:00 PM. Use the east entrance to the separate building behind the church, off the parking lot.

For more info, call Michael at 635-5773, or write Dignity, P.O. Box 1172, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.▼

GOOD TIMES ORGANIZATION

Saturday, June 20th
Pot Luck PICNIC at Noon
Monument Valley Park
(Below Fine Arts Center)
Call Alan at 596-4485 or
Laurie at 260-1091

HELP FIGHT THE ANTI GAY INITIATIVE

To participate:

EPOC Colorado	**593-6015**
Just Vote No!	**635-9290**

Friday Niters BINGO

Every Friday 7:00 pm
$1500 in Prizes

Noonday BINGO

Every Saturday Noon
$1500 in Prizes

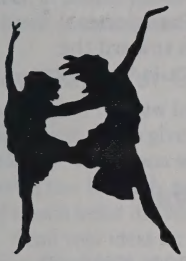
Friday Night, Saturday Noon
21st Street Bingo
1102 South 21st Street

Fun, Entertainment, Prizes

Hosted by The Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church

Yvonne
of
Miran's
a salon

Antlers Hotel Plaza
60 S. Cascade
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
(719) 577-4441



Abaton Books
'a woman's perspective'

Tuesday - Saturday
10:30 am - 6:00 pm
2525 W. Pikes Peak - C
Colorado Springs, CO
(719) 475-2508

Making a Difference
in Our Community

Colorado
Community Directory

(303) 830-1275
PO Box 18666, Denver, CO 80218

We appreciate Our Advertisers.
Please Support Them!

Advertising Rates

Business Card	**$ 5.00**
1/8 page	**10.00**
1/4 page	**15.00**
1/2 page	**20.00**
Full page (except back)	**30.00**
Back page	**35.00**

These rates are for camera ready copy.

We request all ads be pre-paid to eliminate billing costs.

Perkins Chrysler Plymouth Discrimination Victim Sought

A few months ago I ran an announcement in *New Fazes* asking if the woman who was sexually harassed at Perkins was still in town. An anonymous caller left a message on my answering machine that she no longer lived here.

With Will Perkins taking a leadership role in Colorado for Family Values, the group trying to ban anti-discrimination protec¡tion for lesbians and gays, reaching this woman has become really important. If you know her, would you please call me at 575-0841 and discuss whether we can be put in contact? Thank you very much.

—Robin Miller

Business Sponsors Needed

We are asking for Business Sponsors to contribute $100 toward the costs of Pride Week. In exchange you will receive substantial publicity throughout the community. The community center is a 501(C)(3) corporation, so your contributions are considered a charitable donation, and are tax deductible.▼

CELEBRATE PRIDEFEST
WITH THE PENTHOUSE!

Friday, June 19
S-CAP BENEFIT with Reggae band B-Positive!
$5.00 cover, with proceeds going to the Southern Colorado AIDS Project.

Saturday, June 20
CD GIVEAWAY! Free CD while supplies last!

Sunday, June 21
Bring in your parade ticket or registration for a free draw or soda!

1715 North Academy, Colorado Springs, CO 80909
(719) 597-3314

WHERE COLORADO'S MEN ARE GOING TO MEET!

COLORADO SPRINGS PRIDE WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
Pride Day

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

* Family Pride Picnic
  Meadowland area of Palmer Park (across from volleyball courts, Maizeland Road). Hot dogs provided; bring POT LUCK DISH. Sponsored by Lesbians Choosing Children and others.

2:00 PM

* Second Annual Pride Parade
  Route: South on Cascade Avenue 6 blocks (from Cache la Poudre to Platte), across 1 block to Acacia Park. Staging area on Cache la Poudre east of Cascade.

3:00 PM

* Pride Rally at Acacia Park

5:00 PM

* Open House at Upstart Playhouse, 2 West Las Vegas
* Worship Service at Metropolitan Community Church, All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 N. Tejon
* Special Events at area clubs

MONDAY or WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22/24

* Ute Pass Pride PotLuck (call 687-6335 for final date)

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
Community Center Forum

7:00 PM

* Dialog...Race Talk withPam Jones. Exploring our attitudes toward the question of race. All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 N. Tejon

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
LesBiGay Film Festival

6:00 PM - 12:00 PM

* Armstrong Hall, Room 300 , Colorado College. Sponsored by DECplus with assistance from B-GALA

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
Colorado Pride Parade

10:00 AM

* Denver. Route: From Colfax entrance to Cheesman Park, west on Colfax to the Capitol building. More info: call Denver Community Center's Pridefest at (303) 281-8346

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

To help us with the parade or other events, or to register floats for the parade, call the Helpline at 471-4429.

DIRECTIONS TO THE PARADE FROM OUT OF TOWN:

Exit 143 (Uintah Street) on I-25, go east 3 blocks to Cascade, south to Cache la Poudre (the next stop light) at the south end of Colorado College.

ALL EVENTS ARE SPONSORED BY THE PIKES PEAK GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER AND ARE FREE OF CHARGE

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PPGLCC Board Meeting

Next PPGL Community Center board meeting: Saturday, June 13, at 9:30 AM. Room 213 in Worner Center, Colorado College (corner of Cache la Poudre and Cascade). All Community Center members invited.▼

Volunteers Needed for Pride Parade/Rally

The Community Center needs people to help with various tasks involved in putting on our Pride Parade and Pride Rally. Please call the Helpline (471-4429) and leave your name and number, or simply attend a parade workshop at Upstart Playhouse (see the notice on this page).▼

"New Name for Gayspeak" Contest

To accompany the new look for *GaySpeak*, the Community Center would like to give the newsletter a new name. Send us your ideas! The person submitting the winning name will receive a free full body massage donated by Pam Jones and a 1992 season ticket donated by Upstart Performing Ensemble.

Send your ideas to: PPGLCC P.O. Box 574 Colorado Springs, CO 80901.▼

Barbara Ann Humphrey in Concert

Celebrations! and Abrams Jewelry Design will be sponsoring Barbara Ann Humphrey in Colorado Springs for a benefit concert to aid EPOC. This wonderful lesbian singer and songwriter will appear on Saturday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the All Souls Unitarian Church on the corner of Dale and Tejon Streets. Tickets are $15 and are available at Abrams Jewelry Design, 2423 1/2 West Colorado Avenue, or through any EPOC member.

This will be a fun evening of LIVE entertainment and will help EPOC in their fight against discrimination against lesbians and gays. For more information call Dee Ferral at 599-0885.▼

MCC Help Wanted

The Pikes Peak MCC is in need of a pianist for their worship service at 5 PM on Sunday evenings. Interested parties should contact Rev. Marion Harrison at 391-0110.▼

Christina! No More Wire Hangers!

Do you have friends who are still in the closet for one reason or another? Let them know about the CLOSET CORPS that will be marching in the Pride Parade.

There will be a "closet construction" workshop to help everyone build a closet costume which will allow them to march in the parade, and remain anonymous.

Call Norma at 635-4802 or Ron at 630-0609, or call Just Vote No at 635-9290 for more information.▼

From the Editor

This community has come a long way in the twenty years that I have been "out" in it. This shows in the activities planned for Gay Pride Week. There are several different things going on this week, and I hope you can all attend. If you would like to get more involved than just attending, volunteers are still needed. Contact the Helpline at 471-4429 for more information.

Let's show our pride and have fun at the same time!▼

Thursday Nite Live!

Thursday, June 11, at 6:30 PM there will be a special "Thursday Night Live!" It will begin with a potluck dinner, so bring your special convered dish and show off your culinary expertise. Wear your dancin' boots because dinner will be followed by country & western dance lessons! This looks like a fun night at All Souls Unitarian Church! Corner of Dale & Tejon Streets.▼

Upstart Players Performance Schedule

June 5-6
Daddy's Dyin'. Who's Got the Will?
Comedy, $8.00

June 12-13
Night of Illusions
Performance, $3.00

June 21
Gay Pride Parade Party
5:00 p.m., free

June 26-27
One Act Plays, Poetry
Performance, $5.00

July 9-11, 17-18
Porno Stars at Home
Comedy, $8.00

July 13, 14
Benefit for Indian Life Center

July 24, 25
Yella Werda in Concert

For more information, times and prices not listed, call Upstart Players at 2 W. Las Vegas, 634-9441.

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Events Calendar

LEGEND

CGRA - Colorado Gay Rodeo Assn.
BGLACC - Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Alliance: Colorado College
CMI - Count Me In: Mtg. location moves
CIG - Gender Identity Center: Mtgs. at H&S
GLAA - Gay & Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous
The Group - The Group: Gay Educators Pot Luck Social
JVN - Just Vote No (635-9290)
LCC - Lesbians Choosing Children
MCC - Metropolitan Community Church
MRG - Men's Rap Group
NP - New Phazes
OTA - One To Another
PFLAG - Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
SCAP - Southern Colorado Aids Projects (578-9092)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7 MCC - 5:00	8 GLAA - 8:00	9 BGLACC - 6:30 GIC - 7:30	10 OTA - 7:00 PFLAG - 6:30	11 CMI - 7:30 MRG - 7:30	12 GLAA - 8:00	13 LCC - 10:30am POTLUCK "PHRANC" Concert 8 pm, Packard Hall
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Call phone contacts listed elsewhere in this issue of Gayspeak, or the helpline, for locations of meetings listed in this calendar.